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MILITARY BASES LOCATED". HOWEVER, HE OMITTED ANY MENTION OF SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR. AND EVEN EXPRESSED HIS "OPTIMISM" THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE "TO FIND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION OF QUESTIONS (AT GENEVA FORMINS' CONFERENCE), THEREBY PRESERVING PRESTIGE OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS". AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, KHRUSHCHEV STATED FORTHRIGHTLY THAT "TIME HAS COME" FOR HEADS STATE TO MEET AND CONSIDER "MOST DIFFICULT UNSETTLED INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS" WHICH FORMINS UNABLE RESOLVE.

ALSO NOTABLE IN SPEECH IS KHRUSHCHEV'S ADMISSION THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND VP NIXON BOTH "UNDERSTAND" CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES OF WAR BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS POWERS AND "NECESSITY DEVOTING ALL EFFORTS TO SETTEINE EXISTING DISPUTED QUESTIONS WITHOUT WAR". IN THIS CONSECTION KHRUSHCHEV ECHOED NIXON (IN SPEECH AT SOKOLNIKI EXHB HON OPENING) THAT PRESIDENT KNOWS FIRST HAND WHAT WAR REALLY IS LIKE. AND ADDED THAT HE "HONORABLY FULFILLED ALL

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CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH US" WHEN COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR !!.

IN EMBASSY'S OPINION THESE POSITIVE ASPECTS AND TONE OF SPEECH OUTWEIGH OTHERMORE TYPICAL KHRUSHCHEVIAN EXCURSIONS THEREIN.—HIS PETULANT DEFENSE OF SOVIET ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (REACTION TO SOKOLNIKI EXHIBITION), EXCORIATION OF "CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK", COMPLAINT THAT US BROADCASTING COMPANIES VIOLATED HIS AGREEMENT WITH VP TO WITHHOLD TV COVERAGE OF THEIR SOKOLNIKI CONVERSATION UNTIL TRANSLATIONS HAD BEEN CHECKED, HIS RUN-OF-MILL ATTACK ON US MILITARY BASE SYSTEM, ETC.

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